

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

~~(57) Abstract:~~—A surgical instrument ~~(1)~~ and a method for geometrical evaluation of an object inside a body of a human being or animal is described. The instrument comprises a handle ~~(2)~~, a reference device ~~(5)~~ and means ~~(3, 4)~~ for bringing said reference device into the vicinity of said object, said instrument co-operating with an image acquisition ~~(71)~~ device for acquiring at least one image of said reference device when it is in the vicinity of said object. Typically the object is a lesion of an internal tissue, for example a cartilage tissue of an articulation of the knee.

Attachment: Replacement Abstract